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Joint Task Force-National Capital Region Stands Up in Support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration

WASHINGTON - Joint Task Force-National Capital Region (JTF-NCR) 58th Presidential Inauguration Staff began preparations in support of the Presidential Inauguration. The task force is charged with coordinating all military ceremonial support and Defense Support of Civil Authorities for the inaugural period, which is Jan. 15-24, 2017. As a joint component, it includes members form all branches of the armed forces of the United States, including Reserve and National Guard components.

"It is an honor to serve as the JTF-NCR Commander during the 58th Presidential Inauguration," said Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, Commander of the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region. "It is a privilege to lead the mend and women of our armed forces during such a historical moment in our nation's history as we will render honors to our new commander in chief and reaffirm our support for the democratic principles enshrined in our Constitution.

Military involvement in the Presidential Inauguration dates back to April 30, 1789, when members of the U.S. Army, local militia units and Revolutionary War veterans escorted George Washington to his first inauguration ceremony. Military support to the inauguration honors the commander in chief, recognizes civilian control of the military and celebrates democracy.

Participation but he armed forces traditionally includes musical units, marching bands, color guards, salute batteries and honor cordons. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen also provide invaluable assistance to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, a not-for-profit, partisan organization representing the president-elect, and the Joint Congressional Committee on Inauguration Ceremonies.

The Honorable Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense, has authorized 820 service members to be assigned to the JTF-NCR by Inauguration Day to coordinate Department of Defense support in the around the District of Columbia. On Inauguration Day, more than 5,000 service members will Participate in the ceremony and other events, both in view of the public and behind the scenes.

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